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A SELECTED LIST OF REFERENCES ON RENOVATING FURNITURE

Books:

Be your own decorator. E. Burbank. 331 pp., illus. Published by Dodd, Mead and Co., New York. 1922.

Chapters 21 and 22 give directions for painting and stenciling designs on furniture.

Painting and decorating working methods. Edited by F. N. Vanderwalker. 282 pp., illus. Published by Theo. Audel & Co., New York. 1922.

Chapter 7 deals with interior wood finishing, and the direction given for stains, natural finishes, fillers, varnishing, shellacing, waxing, rubbing with oil, and hand polishing are applicable to furniture. (This book was produced under the direction of the International Association of Master Painters and Decorators, Peoria, Ill.)

Practical book of home repairs. C. C. Fraser. 378 pp., illus. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York. 1925.

The chapters, "Staining and filling," and "Waxing, shellacking, and varnishing," (12 and 13) discuss methods of refinishing furniture woods. Directions for covering various pieces of furniture are found in chapter 8, "Upholstery repairs."

Seat weaving. L. D. Perry. 88 pp., illus. Published by Manual Arts Press, Peoria, Ill. 1928.

Gives basic instructions for weaving chair seats from cane, rush, or fiber, and splints, together with variations in the fundamental weaves. Also has list of firms and individuals who can furnish the various weaving materials. However, this list may be out of date at the present time.

Your house. L. Palmer. 209 pp., illus. Published by Boston Cooking School Magazine Co., Boston. 1928.

Pages 136 to 158 give directions for finishing new woods as well as for refinishing old pieces of furniture.

Booklets:

Old furniture restored. F. E. Wright. 63 pp., illus. Published by The Farmer's Wife, St. Paul, Minn. 1933. (Price 25¢)

Two pages are devoted to refinishing furniture woods. The rest of the booklet discusses necessary equipment and materials, alterations, and repairs in the framework, and the steps in padding and covering different types of furniture.

Booklets: (continued)

Painting and stenciling furniture and refinishing natural wood furniture. Anonymous. 8 pp., illus. Published by Good Housekeeping Studio, New York. 1930. (Price 25¢)

Detailed procedure is fully described for painting both old and new furniture; applying a stain and waxing to produce a natural finish; and for decorating with striping, stencils, and the like.

Painting furniture in your home. E. Bennett. 36 pp., illus. Published by Delineator Home Institute, Butterick Building, New York. 1928. (Price 25¢)

Contains suggestions for the selection of colors suitable for small and large areas; how to mix colors to produce the desired hue, the use of lacquer, paint, enamel, and gilding; various finishes obtainable; and the application of decoration such as paper medallions, decalcomania, and stencils.

Extension Service publications:

(Free to residents of the State. When writing for material, also request mimeographed circulars; they are not included in this list.)

Chair caning. L. M. Wilson and N. Workman. Iowa State College Home Furnishing booklet, 8 pp., illus. Ames, Iowa. 1933. [Revised]

Outlines the steps in recaning a regularly shaped chair seat, then takes up necessary variations for oval and round seats.

Furniture renovation, repair, and refinish. M. A. Covert. South Dakota State College Circ. 301, 8 pp., illus. Brookings, S. Dak. 1930.

A general discussion on renovation of furniture which includes methods of removing surface scratches, cleaning upholstery, refinishing the wood, and reupholstering padded pieces.

Making old chairs new. R. Douglass. University of Nebraska Circ. 1172, 24 pp., illus. Lincoln, Nebr. 1933.

Gives directions for refinishing wood parts of furniture, making simple repairs; reweaving cane seats and repairing broken canes; reupholstering chairs with and without spring seats; also contains recipe for home-made varnish remover.

Refinishing furniture. L. M. Wilson. Iowa State College Home Furnishing Booklet. 8 pp., illus. Ames, Iowa. 1930.

Lists necessary supplies and discusses preliminary preparations for refinishing and the application of the new finish.

Refinishing old furniture. F. E. Wright. New York State College of Home Economics Extension Bull. 295, 26 pp., illus. Ithaca, N. Y. 1934.

Discusses materials and recipes, and gives directions for refinishing furniture woods. Includes a section on care of furniture, and photographs of common furniture woods showing the end grain and when plain and quarter sawed.

Extension Service publications: (continued)

Furniture care, refinishing, and construction. A selected list of references. United States Department of Agriculture Extension Service, Misc. Ext. Pub. 14, 6 pp. Washington, D. C. December 1934.

Lists State publications, books, and Government publications on these subjects.

Magazine articles:

How to finish and how not to. The Home Craftsman. January 1934 to January 1935, inclusive.

This series of articles gives explicit directions for each step in the process of finishing woods. The magazine is published bi-monthly and each of these issues contained a separate article under the following subtitles:

Preparing wood surfaces. Jan.-Feb. 1934, pp. 21 and 25-26.

Stains and fillers. March-April 1934, pp. 52-53 and 58-60.

Stain: rules for selecting the color and tricks in handling that color. May-June 1934, pp. 87-88 and 93-94.

Maple affords the craftsman wide choice in grain and finish.

July-Aug. 1934, pp. 117-118 and 123-124.

Decorating painted furniture; reclaiming the finish. Sept.-Oct. 1934, pp. 31-35.

Walnut wood and walnut finish. Nov.-Dec. 1934, pp. 70-74.

Popular white finishes. Jan.-Feb. 1935, pp. 112-113.

Abrasive charts. Jan-Feb. 1935, pp. 113-114.

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